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SUBJECT: B. M. DIAH ATTACKS GOI FOREIGN POLICY

BEGIN SUMMARY: LEFT-WING NATIONALIST MERDEKA EDITOR  
B.M. DIAH BEGAN THREE-PART FRONT PAGE ARTICLE JAN. 13  
ATTACKING GOI FOREIGN POLICY FOR ISOLATING INDONESIA  
ON TIMOR ISSUE. FONMIN MALIK RESPONDED STRONGLY TO  
ARTICLE, ACCUSING DIAH OF BEING PRO-PKI TRAITOR.  
SECOND ARTICLE WAS STRONGER THAN FIRST, AND DIAH MAY  
BE HEADING FOR SERIOUS TROUBLE WITH GOI. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FIRST INSTALLMENT OF LENGTHY THREE-PART FRONT  
PAGE ARTICLE PUBLISHED JAN. 13 MERDEKA EDITOR B.M. DIAH  
TOOK GOI TO TASK FOR OVERLY PRO-WESTERN FOREIGN  
POLICY WHICH HAD ISOLATED INDONESIA FROM REST OF WORLD  
ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR ISSUE. DIAH, FOLLOWING HIS PAPER'S  
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STRONGLY PRO-SOVIET LINE, CHARGED THAT INDONESIAN FOREIGN

POLICY WAS A FAILURE IN HAVING VIEWED FRETILIN AS A COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND THUS BACKING WRONG SIDE IN TIMOR, ENDING UP BEING CONDEMNED BY UN.

2. THAT AFTERNOON FONMIN MALIK WAS ASKED BY REPORTERS TO COMMENT ON ARTICLE AS HE LEFT MEETING WITH DEFENSE AND INFORMATION MINISTERS. MALIK REMARKED THAT IF INDONESIA DESIRED TO ENJOY UN SUPPORT ON TIMOR ISSUE ALL SHE HAD TO DO WAS TURN COMMUNIST. IF SOMEONE CLAIMED INDONESIA HAD BEEN ISOLATED IN UN DEBATES, HE SAID, IT MERELY MEANT THAT INDONESIA DID NOT GET SUPPORT OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. CONSEQUENTLY, SAID MALIK, THOSE PERSONS OR NEWSPAPERS ALLEGING THAT INDONESIA'S FOREIGN POLICY HAS FAILED ARE PRO-PKI TRAITORS WHO WOULD SELL OUT THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

3. FOLLOWING DAY (JAN. 14) MERDEKA QUOTED MALIK'S REMARKS UNDER WHAT WAS PRESUMABLY UGLIEST PHOTO OF MALIK IN PAPER'S FILES. ADJOINING SECOND INSTALLMENT OF DIAH ARTICLE ON FRONT PAGE STRESSED THEME THAT COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM INTEND TO SEIZE INDONESIA. ATTACKING IGGI AID AS IMPERIALISM, DIAH SAID INFLATIONARY PERIOD UNDER SUKARNO AT LEAST PRODUCED WEST IRIAN FOR INDONESIA, WHILE IGGI AID HAS MERELY RESULTED IN MORE COCA COLA, CIGARETTES, LUXURY AUTOMOBILES, STEAMBATHS, ETC. AS WELL AS CORRUPTION WHICH IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS SUCH. RECOUNTING THE EVILS OF US AID IN PAKISTAN, DIAH REMARKED THAT ALTHOUGH INDONESIA MAY NOT BE PAKISTAN AMERICA IS STILL AMERICA, AND AMERICA ALONG WITH OTHER COLONIALIST NATIONS HAS BEEN HELPING PORTUGAL ATTEMPT TO SET UP A NEO-COLONIALIST SYSTEM IN ITS FORMER COLONIES. IN MOST OUTRAGEOUS STATEMENT IN ARTICLE SO FAR, DIAH WENT ON TO CHARGE THAT GOI IS NOT ONLY ISOLATED INTERNATIONALLY BUT ALSO WITHIN INDONESIA OVER THE TIMOR PROBLEM.

4. COMMENT: DIAH MAY HAVE FINALLY GONE TOO FAR WITH LATEST CRITICISMS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY. MALIK COMMENTS ABOUT PRO-PKI TRAITORS CAME IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WITH MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND INFORMATION WHERE DIAH'S ARTICLE WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY DISCUSSED. DIAH'S SUBSE-

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QUENT REFERENCE TO GOI BEING ISOLATED WITHIN COUNTRY TOO WAS PRETTY STRONG STUFF FOR LOCAL READERS, AND IF THIRD INSTALLMENT CONTINUES IN SAME VEIN HE MAY JEOPARDIZE HIS APPARENT PRIVILEGED STATUS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER EDITOR WHO DISPLEASES THE MAN AT THE TOP. WE WILL REPORT SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS AND FORWARD TEXT OF ARTICLES SEPARATELY.

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